

REMARKS

This Supplemental Response supplements the Amendment filed February 11, 2008, and is filed in response to the final Office Action dated August 9, 2007. In view of these remarks, this application should be allowed and the case passed to issue.

Declarations Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 by inventors Takaaki Abe and Osamu Shimamura have been filed with this Supplemental Response. As clearly shown in the declarations by Messers Abe and Shimamura, (see Table 2 and Exhibit 1 of the Declarations), at electrode terminal lead width/cell width ($L5, L5'/L6, L6' \times 100 \%$) less than 40 % there is a sharp and unexpected increase in the temperature of the electrode terminal lead. Thus, the automobile cells according to the present invention provide an unexpected improvement in safety not suggested by the cited references.

In view of the above remarks, and the amendment and remarks filed February 11, 2008, Applicants submit that this case should be allowed and passed to issue. If there are any questions regarding this Amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated to expedite the prosecution of the application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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